

**REMARKS**

A Restriction Requirement was issued on December 21, 2004 in the instant application.

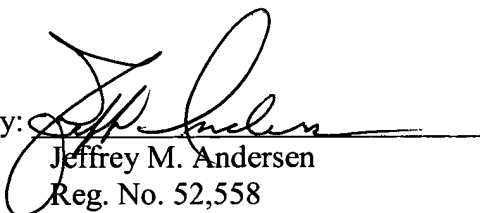
This paper is in response to the December 21, 2004 Restriction Requirement. Claims 1-17 are pending in the present application. By this paper claims 18-21 are hereby withdrawn.

In the Restriction Requirement of December 21, 2004, the Examiner required election between Invention I, Claims 1-17 and Invention II, Claims 18-21. Applicant now elects Invention I, Claims 1-17, without traverse herein for prosecution on the merits. Claims 18-21 are currently withdrawn.

**CONCLUSION**

In light of the forgoing, reconsideration and allowance of the Claims 1-17 is earnestly solicited. Accordingly, notification to that effect is earnestly requested.

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